Digital Inclusion and Literacy for Social Protection Beneficiaries Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Social Protection	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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discussions on fostering a supportive digital ecosystem, attendees will develop the **strategic acumen** to confidently lead and participate in initiatives that ensure digital social protection services are not only **efficiently administered but also genuinely accessible, empowering, and leave no one behind**, thereby securing their position as indispensable leaders in **realizing equitable and dignified social welfare for every citizen.**

Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. **Analyze core concepts and strategic responsibilities** of **Digital Inclusion and Literacy** within the context of social protection.
2. **Master sophisticated techniques** for **assessing the digital readiness and specific digital literacy needs** of diverse social protection beneficiary groups.
3. **Develop robust methodologies** for **designing and adapting digital literacy curricula** tailored to vulnerable populations, including those with low literacy or disabilities.
4. **Implement effective strategies** for **integrating hybrid (digital + traditional) service delivery models** to ensure no one is excluded from social protection.
5. **Manage complex considerations** for **promoting digital access and affordability** for beneficiaries, including leveraging community resources and partnerships.
6. **Apply robust strategies** for **educating beneficiaries on digital safety, cybersecurity, and data privacy,** building trust in digital services.
7. **Understand the deep integration of digital inclusion efforts with user-centric design principles** for social protection services.
8. **Leverage knowledge of global best practices and lessons learned** from successful digital inclusion initiatives, with a strong focus on African experiences and relevant Kenyan programs.
9. **Optimize strategies for overcoming barriers such as lack of devices, connectivity, and digital infrastructure** in remote or underserved areas.
10. **Formulate specialized recommendations** for **building effective partnerships** with private sector, civil society, and community organizations to expand digital inclusion.
11. **Conduct comprehensive assessments** of the ethical implications and potential risks of digital exclusion in social protection.
12. **Navigate challenging situations** related to **fostering trust, managing expectations, and creating supportive environments** for beneficiaries to adopt digital tools.
13. **Develop a holistic, empathetic, and strategically actionable approach** to **Digital Inclusion and Literacy for Social Protection Beneficiaries,** ensuring equitable and accessible digital welfare delivery for all.

Target Audience:

This course is designed for professionals interested in Digital Inclusion and Literacy for Social Protection Beneficiaries:

1. **Social Protection Program Managers:** Responsible for program design, delivery, and beneficiary outreach.
2. **Frontline Workers & Community Outreach Officers:** Directly interacting with beneficiaries and understanding their digital challenges.
3. **Digital Literacy Trainers & Educators:** Developing and delivering digital skills programs.
4. **ICT Solution Designers & User Experience (UX) Specialists:** Designing user-friendly interfaces and services.
5. **Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Specialists:** Measuring the impact of digital inclusion initiatives.

6. **Communication & Advocacy Professionals:** Crafting clear messages about digital services and rights.
7. **Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) & Community Leaders:** Advocating for vulnerable groups and providing local support.
8. **Development Partners & International Organizations:** Supporting digital inclusion and social protection reforms.

Course Duration: 5 Days

Course Modules:

- **Module 1: Understanding Digital Exclusion in Social Protection (Day 1)**
  - Defining digital inclusion and the "digital divide" in social protection contexts.
  - Identifying key dimensions of digital exclusion: Access, skills, supportive conditions, usage.
  - Specific barriers faced by social protection beneficiaries: Poverty, disability, age, gender, geographic isolation, low literacy.
  - Consequences of digital exclusion: Missed benefits, increased costs, limited information, disempowerment.
  - Ethical considerations and human rights implications of digital exclusion in welfare.
- **Module 2: Assessing Digital Readiness and Needs of Beneficiaries (Day 1)**
  - Methodologies for conducting digital readiness assessments (surveys, interviews, focus groups).
  - Identifying existing digital behaviors, aspirations, and current challenges of target groups.
  - Mapping access to devices, internet connectivity, and electricity in target communities.
  - Understanding varying levels of digital literacy and confidence among beneficiaries.
  - Segmenting beneficiaries based on their digital profiles to tailor interventions.
- **Module 3: Designing Inclusive Digital Social Protection Services (Day 2)**
  - Applying User-Centric Design (UCD) principles to social protection services, with a focus on inclusion.
  - Strategies for accessible design: Simple language, visual aids, voice prompts, multilingual support.
  - Designing for diverse devices: Feature phones (USSD, SMS) vs. smartphones (apps).
  - Integrating offline touchpoints and human support into digital service delivery models (hybrid approach).
  - Learning from examples of inclusive digital service design (e.g., from Kenya's e-Citizen, M-Pesa).
- **Module 4: Developing and Delivering Digital Literacy Programs (Day 2)**
  - Core components of a digital literacy curriculum for social protection beneficiaries (basic device use, internet navigation, online communication, digital payments).
  - Adapting content and teaching methodologies for adult learners and low-literacy groups.
  - Leveraging community-based training models: Public libraries (Kenya National Library Service), community centers, schools, peer trainers.
  - Practical skills development: Using mobile money, accessing government portals, identifying scams.
  - Monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of digital literacy interventions.
- **Module 5: Fostering Digital Safety, Privacy, and Trust (Day 3)**
  - Understanding common digital threats faced by vulnerable users: Scams, phishing, identity theft.
  - Key principles of digital safety and cybersecurity awareness for beneficiaries.
  - Communicating data privacy rights and the role of the Data Protection Act (DPA) in simple terms.
  - Strategies for building trust in digital social protection systems and channels.
  - Implementing robust grievance redress mechanisms (GRMs) for digital concerns.
- **Module 6: Leveraging Partnerships and Ecosystem Development (Day 4)**

    - Identifying key stakeholders for digital inclusion: Government agencies, private sector (telcos, financial service providers), CSOs, academia.
    - Strategies for effective multi-stakeholder collaboration and resource mobilization.
    - The role of public-private partnerships in expanding digital access and skills.
    - Building "digital navigator" programs and community support networks.
    - Analyzing Kenya's ecosystem: Huduma Namba, mobile money, and digital literacy initiatives like the National Digital Literacy Skills Curriculum.
- **Module 7: Policy and Regulatory Frameworks for Digital Inclusion (Day 4)**
    - Reviewing national policies that support digital inclusion and social protection digitization.
    - The role of spectrum policy, infrastructure investment, and device affordability initiatives.
    - Ensuring regulatory frameworks promote responsible data use and protect digital rights.
    - Lessons from global and regional digital inclusion strategies.
    - Advocacy for inclusive digital policies in social protection.
- **Module 8: Action Planning for Sustainable Digital Inclusion (Day 5)**
    - Participants' assessment of digital inclusion gaps and opportunities in their context.
    - Developing a strategic action plan for a specific digital inclusion or literacy initiative.
    - Identifying resources, timelines, and key performance indicators (KPIs).
    - Strategies for communication, advocacy, and sustained funding for digital inclusion efforts.
    - Presentations of action plans and peer feedback.

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Workshops:** Facilitated discussions, group exercises, and problem-solving activities.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples to illustrate successful community-based surveillance practices.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations:** Practice engaging communities in surveillance activities.
- **Expert Presentations:** Insights from experienced public health professionals and community leaders.
- **Group Projects:** Collaborative development of community surveillance plans.
- **Action Planning:** Development of personalized action plans for implementing community-based surveillance.
- **Digital Tools and Resources:** Utilization of online platforms for collaboration and learning.
- **Peer-to-Peer Learning:** Sharing experiences and insights on community engagement.
- **Post-Training Support:** Access to online forums, mentorship, and continued learning resources.

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Key Notes

- Participants must be conversant in English.
- Upon completion of training, participants will receive an Authorized Training Certificate.

- The course duration is flexible and can be modified to fit any number of days.
- Course fee includes facilitation, training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buff

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
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